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1. PREMIER YU CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME WAVE IN TAIWAN:

- ALL PAPERS, SOME FRONT PAGE HEADLINES: YESTERDAY, PREMIER YU KUO-HWA INSTRUCTED TOP EXECUTIVES OF VARIOUS SECURITY AGENCIES, INCLUDING INTERIOR MINISTER WU POH-HSIUNG, JUSTICE MINISTER SHIH CHI-YANG AND NATIONAL POLICE ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR GENERAL LO CHANG, TO TAKE SWIFT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST INCREASING CRIME IN TAIWAN.

YU SAID VIOLENT CRIMES HAVE OCCURRED ONE AFTER ANOTHER, AND THAT OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP WILL CONTINUE SO THAT SOCIAL ORDER CAN BE MAINTAINED.

2. THREE SENATORS TO ARRIVE NEXT WEEK:

- UNITED DAILY NEWS & CHINA TIMES: FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER, THREE

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INFLUENTIAL SENATORS WILL VISIT TAIWAN NEXT WEEK.

THEY ARE WILLIAM V. ROTH, JR. (R.-DELAWARE), ORRIN G. HATCH (R.-UTAH) AND CHIC HECHT (R.-NEVADA). BOTH ROTH AND HATCH ARE RANKING SENATORS; ROTH CHAIRS THE SENATE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND HATCH THE LABOR & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE. HECHT, WHO IS MORE JUNIOR, WAS ELECTED IN 1982, BUT HE HAS THE SAME CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AS PAUL LAXALT DOES, AND HELPED REAGAN RUN FOR BOTH GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND THE U.S. PRESIDENCY. IN RETURN, REAGAN WENT TO NEVADA TO HELP HECHT'S CAMPAIGN THREE YEARS AGO. THEREFORE, WASHINGTON POLITICAL CIRCLES ARE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SENATOR HECHT AND REGARD HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW GENERATION WITH POTENTIAL POWER IN THE SENATE.

ROTH IS POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE AND HE HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF TAIWAN'S CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ROTH IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN TAIPEI NEXT MONDAY. HATCH, WHO VISITED TAIWAN TWICE IN THE PAST, WILL ARRIVE ON A SPECIAL PLANE, JAN. 14, ACCOMPANIED BY HECHT AND FOUR CONGRESSMAN.

THE HATCH DELEGATION IS ON A VISIT TO ASIA, INCLUDING THE PRC. ALL MEMBERS IN THE DELEGATION ARE REPUBLICANS. THEY INCLUDE CONGRESSMEN ROBERT J. LAGOMARSINO FROM CALIFORNIA, JIM COURTER FROM NEW JERSEY, MICHAEL DEWINE FROM OHIO, AND DON RITTER FROM PENNSYLVANIA. DURING THEIR STAY, THEY WILL CALL ON GOVERNMENT LEADERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS CONCERNING U.S.-TAIWAN RELATIONS AND THE SITUATION ON THE TAIWAN STRAIT.

3. MOEA TO EXPAND PURCHASE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS:

- UNITED DAILY NEWS: THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY SAID THAT IT HAS MAPPED OUT PLANS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE HUGE TAIWAN TRADE SURPLUS OVER THE U.S. THIS INCLUDES THE BULK PURCHASE OF AMERICAN COTTON. IN ADDITION, FUTURE BUY-AMERICAN MISSIONS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CIVILIAN ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE TO PROMOTE CHINESE ARTS AND CULTURE AND TO ENHANCE U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF TAIWAN.

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DISPATCHED DURING THE PAST 8 YEARS HAVE BOUGHT PRODUCTS TOTALING USD7.5 BILLION.

4. MRTS PROJECT IN GREATER TAIPEI HITS SNAG:

- CHINA TIMES: A CONCERNED OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE MASS RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM (MRTS) PROJECT, CONSIDERED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THE 14 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING PROJECTS, WILL BE POSTPONED. THIS IS BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, UNCERTAINTY OVER THE ROUTE AND FAILURE TO ARRIVE AT A DECISION ON (SETTING UP) A SPECIAL ORGANIZATION TO DEAL WITH THE PROJECT. THE MRTS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION TO OVER THREE MILLION PEOPLE IN THE GREATER TAIPEI AREA. AS A RESULT OF THE PROBLEMS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE

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IMPORTANT TAIPEI-TAMSHUI ROUTE, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED
TO START JULY 1 THIS YEAR, WILL BE CALLED OFF.

5. IMPORT OF COLOR TVS & VIDEORECORDERS TO BE
LIBERALIZED IN JULY:

- CHINA TIMES: MOEA'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU
SAID THAT IF NO SPECIAL FACTORS COME INTO PLAY, TAIWAN
WILL COMPLETELY LIBERALIZE THE IMPORT OF COLOR TV
SETS AND VIDEORECORDERS, STARTING JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

6. TAIWAN TOURISM REGISTERS NEGATIVE GROWTH IN 1985:

- SOME PAPERS: ACCORDING TO THE TOURISM BUREAU'S
STATISTICS ON JAN. 10, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN
VISITORS IN 1985 WAS 1,451,659, A DECREASE OF 4.3
PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. OF THESE, ALIENS
NUMBERED 1,195,443, A DROP OF 32,007 PEOPLE OR 2.6
PERCENT OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR; OVERSEAS CHINESE
WERE 256,216, A DECREASE OF 32,472 OR 11.3 PERCENT
OVER 1984.

7. BUS FARES TO BE RAISED ON JAN. 21:

- CHINA TIMES: MEMBERS OF THE TAIPEI CITY GOVERNMENT
MET WITH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE KMT TAIPEI HEAD-
QUARTERS AND THE TAIPEI CITY COUNCIL YESTERDAY AND
AGREED THAT BUS FARES FOR TAIPEI CITY WILL BE RAISED
STARTING JAN. 21, 1986, RATHER THAN THE ORIGINAL DATE
OF FEB. 26.

A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL SAID THAT BUS FARES FOR
OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES IN TAIWAN PROVINCE WILL BE
RAISED ON THE SAME DATE. THAYER
END OF MESSAGE

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